

École Secondaire Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School

“Committed to excellence in teaching and learning”

School Council Minutes for Monday, February 27, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm by Brad Vonkeman with the recognition statement:

We acknowledge that we are on Treaty Six territory to the North of the Red Deer River and Treaty Seven territory to the South of the Red Deer River.

We acknowledge and give thanks to all the many First Nations, Metis and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries.

- 1.0 **Agenda Review** - agenda was reviewed and accepted as presented.
- 2.0 **Minutes of the January 30, 2017** meeting were presented for approval and were adopted.
- 3.0 **No correspondence to circulate.**
- 4.0 **The LAT's were unavailable for this evening - we will reschedule for the March meeting.**

5.0 **Reports:**

Leadership Report - Jade Weber was unavailable but sent her Leadership news. The Internal team is planning Thurber Idol on April 11th. Pep team is going to begin 3 on 3 basketball for the next few weeks.

School Report - Dan Lower shared the second of three videos regarding the pillars of support from the Red Deer Public School District. The second video was on collective responsibility.

We took an Intermission and dismissed to the Drama studio to view part of the upcoming school production of “Anything Goes”. This was followed by discussion from the cast, crew and pit band.

Dan shared our nine new “Good News Cards” courtesy of Graphic Design 10.

Dan discussed our upcoming Inspiration Challenge. Teachers will choose a student that inspires them to come to work every day and be a better teacher.

Dan shared some news from our Learning Commons. We have won a grant from Best Buy to augment our 3D printer. The current 3D project is a student who is designing and printing a prosthetic limb. We printed some of it today and once the design is tweaked, we will be printing the final product with our new flexible plastic. The grant money is to purchase the flexible print head, filament, and a 3D scanner.

The mural on the wall was spray painted by First Nations artist Jesse Gouchey, also a Thurber alumnus. Our “Blind Date with a Book” event was a huge success, we ran out of books 3 times and 4 more went out today. A prize will be awarded tomorrow for everyone who brought back their “Rate your Date” card, that was inserted into each book.

Proceeds from our coffee machines allowed us to donate \$50 to the Mustard Seed at the end of January. Every 2 months we are selecting a different charity that directly impacts our students. To date we have donated to the breakfast program, the hamper project, the Mustard Seed (lunch providers), and our next recipient is Youth Unlimited. They run the chill room during exam week and help with the Leadership class. We have had very positive feedback from the students for doing this, they seem to like that we are giving back.

Dan opened the floor for any questions or comments:

Do we have a videography club? At this time, we do not, but Dan suggested that students contact Mr. Gilles Theriault in order to get involved.

Lisa Loeppky shared a post that she recently seen on facebook: "God bless Tennant" and the comments that followed were very encouraging to the teachers at Thurber.

Lisa also received an email from a boy in Brazil that went to Thurber about 4 years ago. He thanked Lisa and also thanked the teachers and people at Thurber that got him through the year. He is now in his 3rd year in University in Brazil and doing very well.

Dan also shared that he is putting together a committee for a Raider Award. This award will be presented to a student that is doing their best - not necessarily top academic marks, but an encouragement to continue to achieve their potential.

City Wide Council Report - there hasn't been a meeting since our last School Council. Next City Wide Council meeting is March 7th at 7pm at Gateway.

Dianne MacAulay shared that the Board is working on their 3 year report. Goals are Literacy, Equity, Completion. Around the middle of May the Board will share their information.

ASCA Report - Brad Vonkeman shared that the Minister of Education is setting up a Minister's youth council. Students will meet three times through the year. Applications are available on the Alberta Education website.

Brad shared information regarding the upcoming Annual General Meeting, LTCHS will financially support a parent if they would like to attend.

Brad shared the Issue Resolutions and went over the proposed motions. In favor of proposed motions, with the exception of P17-03.

City Wide Student Advisory Council - there hasn't been a meeting since our last School Council meeting.

6.0 Old Business - no old business

7.0 New Business - no new business

8.0 Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned at 9:07pm

Next meeting is March 20, 2017 at 7pm in the Learning Commons.